

South Dakota CATTLE ON FEED

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JANUARY CATTLE ON FEED INVENTORY UP FROM DECEMBER

SIOUX FALLS, January 21, 2000 -- South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 194,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on January 1, according to the USDA's South Dakota Ag Statistics Service. The January 1 number is up 8,000 head from a month earlier and 10,000 head above a year ago.

Placements during December totaled 31,000 head, down 20,000 head from November and down 1,000 head from last year.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 22,000 head, up 1,000 head from November but down 4,000 head from last year.

Other disappearance during December totaled 1,000 head, unchanged from November and a year earlier.

Steer and steer calves totaled 103,000 head, 53 percent of the total cattle on feed. **Heifer and heifer calves** totaled 83,000 head, 43 percent of the total cattle on feed. **Bulls and cows** totaled 8,000 head, accounting for 4 percent of the total cattle on feed.

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